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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A device for slowing the movement of a door, drawer or similar

member movable with respect to a fixed structure and urged by unidirectional thrust means,

including:

- a casing adapted to be fixed to the saidsaid movable member or to the saidsaid structure

(S) and defining a substantially cylindrical chamber containing a viscous braking fluid, and

- a rotor housed within the saidsaid chamber, the saidsaid rotor including a disc portion

fully immersed in said chamber and adapted to rotate inside the saidsaid casing and a shaft

portion extending axially from the centre of the disc portion and protruding through one of the

end walls of the casing in such a way as to be able to be operatively associated with the other of

the saidsaid movable member or the structure, at least one surface of the said easing defining

with a corresponding surface of the said rotor at least one pair of opposing surfaces extending

substantially perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the said rotor, characterised in that

- a first surface of at least one pair of the said opposing surfaces has a recess for housing

a pivotable arm element (52), the said arm element having a pin portion at one end projecting

with respect to the said first surface inwardly of the said cylindrical chamber, and

- the second surface of the said pair of opposing surfaces has

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- a pivotable arm element which is pivotably mounted on a first surface of one of said casing and rotor extending in a plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation of said rotor, said pivotable arm element having a pin portion at one end, and

- an elongate groove extending-which is formed in a second surface of the other of said casing and rotor extending in a plane parallel to said first surface, wherein said elongate groove extends concentrically with the shaft portion of the saidsaid rotor and is engageable by the saidsaid pin portion of the arm element, the saidsaid groove having a cam portion (76)-at one end (73)-dividing the saidsaid groove into a return path and a forward path (74)-for the saidsaid pin portion (54)-in such a way as to define, in cooperation with the saidsaid thrust means, a releasable locking position for the saidsaid rotor relative to the casing, wherein

- a recess is formed in said first surface which is adapted to face said second surface, wherein a pin protrudes from the bottom of said recess and wherein said pivotable arm element is pivotably mounted on said pin of said recess and abuts against the bottom of said recess in such a way that the pivotable arm element is able to oscillate in the bottom of the recess, said pin portion protruding across said first surface for engaging said elongate groove.

- 2. (currently amended): A device according to Claim 1 in which-the said arm element is mounted pivotably on a pin of the arm element said recess is integrally formed with the casing or with the rotor.
 - 3: (canceled).

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4. (currently amended): A device according to Claim-3_1, in which the said arm element

is formed in one piece.

5: (canceled).

6. (currently amended): A device according to Claim-51, in which-the said first surface

is the base surface of the chamber and-the said second surface is the lower surface of the disc

portion of the rotor.

7 and 8: (canceled).

9. (currently amended): A device according to claim 1, in which the said disc portion of

the rotor has a plurality of vane portions extending radially therefrom.

10-13: (canceled).

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